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1. ON 29 JUN WE EFFECTED CONTACT WITH ALL THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS IN ISLAMABAD MISSION. HAD LONG POSITIVE SESSION WITH COM, WHO CONTINUES TO BE HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE. MAIN CHANGE IS REQUIREMENT FOR QUARTERS TO BE OUTSIDE COMPOUND. (SEE 2 BELOW) AT THIS MEETING AMBASSADOR ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PTT, I MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD THE APPROVAL OF THE GOP MFA FOR OUR OPERATION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE GOP WITH SOME SELECTED CURRENT TAKE. ALSO MET WITH ADMIN OFF., GSO, HOUSING OFF., PERSONNEL OFF., B AND F OFF., AND FINALLY EXO OF ICA. OUTLINED OUR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WITH EACH AS APPROPRIATE AND ALL WERE VERY COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL.

2. QUARTERS FOR US IN THE COMPOUND IS NOW DEFINITELY OUT. ROOM SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY [REDACTED] IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE, AND WILL NOT BE IN NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE HAD NO CONCERNS REGARDING SECURITY OR "PROFILE" IN HOUSE SEPARATE FROM EMBASSY. WE AGREED OFFICE/STAFFER RESIDENT COMBINATION MIGHT BE BEST BET. HOUSING IS CURRENTLY AT GREAT PREMIUM, NOT FROM MATTER OF COST BUT AVAILABILITY, AND WILL BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME UNTIL GOVERNMENT QUARTERS ARE REBUILT ON OLD EMBASSY COMPOUND. THE ADMIN OFFICER HAS AGREED TO ASSIGN A HOUSE TO US PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR AN INCOMING OFFICER. IT IS A FIVE BEDROOM, FIVE BATH FLAT ROOFED TWO STORY HOUSE LOCATED IN EMBASSY RESIDENTIAL AREA, A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY FROM RESIDENCES OF [REDACTED] OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF HOUSE IS THAT THERE IS A SEPARATE OUTSIDE ENTRANCE TO WELL SUITED (APP. 208 SQ FT) FOR OPERATIONS ROOM: ROOM HAS ACCESS TO PRIVATE BATHROOM AND KITCHEN, ALL DISCRETE FROM MAIN LIVING AREAS OF HOUSE. THUS, WOULD APPEAR IDEAL

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DISCUSSED ABOVE, ROOFTOP HAS UNOBSTRUCTED 360 DEGREE VIEW AND BASEMENT AREA HAS SPACE FOR GENERATOR -- AS WELL AS SERVANTS QUARTERS. OUTSIDE STAIRCASE ALSO GIVES DIRECT ACCESS TO ROOF. COST IS APP. FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$35,500.00) PER ANNUM, WITH ONE YEARS RENT IN ADVANCE. LEASE IS FOR TWO YEARS AND RENEWABLE FOR TWO MORE AT SAME RATE.

3. [ ] THE GSO, AND I MET WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER OF PTT ON 30 JUN AND OUTLINED OUR REQUIREMENTS (AFTER ADVISING HIM THAT GOP HAD APPROVED PROJECT, PER COM'S INSTRUCTION) FOR TAILS AND LINE TO OUR OFFICE. IT SEEMS THAT THE SATELLITE TERMINAL (INTELSAT, HE SAID) IS IN KARACHI AREA, BUT HE INDICATED THAT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM AS THEY HAD MICROWAVE AS WELL AS LANDLINE CONNECTIONS TO KARACHI. I SAID THAT WE WOULD LIKE THE LINE TO BE IN OPERATION WITHIN TWO MONTHS AND HE SAID THAT THIS COULD BE DONE -- AN UNDULY OPTIMISTIC COMMITMENT, NO DOUBT. HE ASKED FOR OUR SPECIFIC TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS IN WRITING, WHICH [ ] PREPARED UPON OUR RETURN TO THE EMBASSY AND WHICH WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO THE PTT BY GSO. EMBASSY GSO WILL BE OUR POINT OF CONTACT WITH PTT.

4. I WILL DEPART FOR LONDON 1 JULY AND PLAN TO BRIEF RAE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND POINT YOU OUTLINED ON 2 JULY. [ ] WILL STAY IN ISLAMABAD UNTIL 5 JULY (DATE OF NEXT DIRECT FLIGHT TO LONDON) SCREENING APPLICANTS FOR LOCAL TECH POSITIONS, CHECKING VEHICLE POSSIBILITIES AND COLLECTING MEASUREMENT AND STRESS AND AZMUTHAL DATA ON HOUSE. [ ] WILL RETURN WITH PICTURES, FLOOR PLAN, AND OTHER MEASUREMENTS OF HOUSE.  
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